



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 167

LCO No. 1610



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-37mmm of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "visitable housing" means one-to-four
4 family residential construction that includes three basic architectural
5 features to allow persons with disabilities to easily visit: (1) Interior
6 doorways that provide a minimum thirty-two inch wide unobstructed
7 opening, (2) an accessible means of egress, as defined in Appendix A to
8 28 CFR Part 36, and (3) a full or half bathroom on the first floor that is
9 compliant with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
10 1990, [as amended,] 42 USC 12101, as amended from time to time.

11 (b) The Department of Housing, in consultation with the Connecticut
12 Housing Finance Authority, may establish a program to encourage the
13 development of visitable housing in the state. The program shall (1)
14 provide a single point of contact for any person seeking financial or
15 technical assistance from the state to construct visitable housing, (2)

16 identify financial incentives for developers who construct visitable
17 housing, and (3) include public education about such housing. [The
18 department shall submit a report on the status of the program, in
19 accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
20 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing not
21 later than October 1, 2012.]

22 (c) The Department of Housing shall establish, within available
23 appropriations, an informational web page in a conspicuous place on
24 such department's Internet web site with a list of links to available
25 visitable housing resources.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	8-37mmm

Statement of Purpose:

To make technical changes to a statute concerning housing.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]